

ECONOMIC SERVICES DIVISION

ELECTRIC POWER BRANCH

MISSION

The Electric Power Branch is responsible for the collection, evaluation and interpretation of information on the electric power industry of foreign nations, and for the preparation of reports thereon, with particular emphasis on the Soviet Orbit countries and neighboring areas. In order to perform these functions, it shall assemble and record basic economic data in the electric power field and conduct the necessary research to establish factors and guides by which to measure the economic strength and weakness of the industry in various lands, the degree to which industrial output depends on electric power production, and the vulnerabilities which are thereby created.

The Branch will review and coordinate work done in this field by other IAC agencies, and for the purpose of ensuring proper coverage it will set up and guide an Ad Hoc Electric Power Committee, composed of the Chief of the Electric Power Branch, such other representatives of CIA as may from time to time deal with electric power generation, distribution and consumption, and representatives of the IAC agencies concerned.

The Branch will represent the Economic Services Division in conferences within CIA dealing with electric power matters, and will advise other branches of the Division on problems falling within this field. It will establish such liaison with other governmental and private bodies as may be deemed by the Chief of the Economic Services Division to be of value.